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1888

(Subject)

War

1907

Other

Govt of India claim

in respect of depot expenses of 24 Bombay Infantry in 1896

States rule in force since 1899. In event stated would be disposed to take exception to a claim for any amount due not paid at all 10 years after service had been carried out as a condition of award in 1896.

(Minutes)

Mr. B. B. ...

Don't think we ought to pay this ... minute on 4/1/07 ...
The matter can be discussed by ...
Dept of the ...
subject is left ...

Mr. ...

I agree ...

When ...

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Any further communication
subject to be addressed to
The Secretary
War Office
and the following number

War Office,

London, S.W.

26/5593 (P.1)

25th March, 1905.

With reference to your letter, No. 493, of
9th January last, on the subject of a claim of the
Government of India in respect of the depot expenses of
the 24th Bombay Infantry, while that Regiment was
employed in the East Africa Protectorate in 1896, I am
convinced by the Army Council to inform you that it is
now the general practice for Imperial Wars to bear
the cost of the depot in India of a Native Indian
Regiment employed on Imperial service. This rule is
not, on the face of it, a depot is only formed when a
Regiment is sent for service outside India. I am to
state, however, that Army Funds have borne no charges for
pay & contributions in respect of Chinamen at the
depot.

The above general rule has been in operation
at least since 1878, and Native Indian troops have
been regularly employed as stated in the
records in this Office do not show that any
practice was followed in the case of
employment of...

Under Secretary
General Office

it was the subject of any explicit agreement between the two Departments.

As regards the length of time that elapsed before the presentation of the claim now in question, I am to state that this Department has always objected to the reopening of closed accounts with the Indian Government after the lapse of several years; and on this ground the Council would be disposed to take exception to a claim for an isolated item, not preferred till ten years after the service had been carried out.

The Council would be glad to be informed in due course of the decision arrived at by your Department in the matter.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

W. H. Wood

The U. S.

Post Office

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2. I am to advise that
while it is not necessary now
to state that deposit continues
of an Indian register not
borrowed for service in
another part of the ter-
ritory is chargeable to the
possessing authority, Lead
Agent has not been able
to satisfy himself that
any note ~~has been~~
issued before 1898.

3. Having this on my mind,
I wish to give notice that
if the ground can be shown on the
ground that a period of
two years elapsed between
the date of the service of
the notice and the claim
was performed, & that as
a condition of the award



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